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CO. ACCEPTS OFFER FOR WATERWORKS

PURCHASE TO BE RATIFIED BY SPECIAL ELECTION

The principal work of the village council at its last regular meeting was to formulate an offer to be made to Salling Hanson Company for the purchase of their waterworks system. The offer was considered by the directors at their monthly meeting held here last week Wednesday and the offer was formally accepted.

The correspondence that led up to the final transaction appears incorporated with the official record of the council proceedings and is published below. We are sure it will be of considerable interest to the property owners of the village and also very enlightening.

The next step will be to arrange for the special election to ratify the purchase of the system by the people. The present owners will discontinue their lumbering here in a short time when the service will be discontinued. In order to avoid any delay or interruption of the water service the village council hopes to present the matter before the voters soon. The plans of the council are quite well outlined in their letters to the company.

RECORD OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Present: H. Petersen, president; Trustees Thomas Cassidy, Emil Giegling, A. L. Roberts, E. G. Shaw and George W. McCullough.

Absent: T. P. Peterson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of finance committee read as follows:

To the President and members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling: Your committee on finance, claims and accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

1—Alfred Hanson, Invoice May 1st, 1927 ..... $18.83
2—M. A. Bates, invoice April 1, 1927, rental to June 30th 12.50
3—Fire report, residence of J. Sherman, April 24th 15.00
4—Fire report, Grayling Dowel Co., April 21st 11.00
5—Julius Nelson, payroll ending April 9th, 1927 ..... 19.60
6—Julius Nelson, payroll ending April 15th, 1927 ..... 69.00
7—Julius Nelson, payroll ending April 22nd, 1927 ..... 54.00
8—Julius Nelson, payroll ending April 29th, 1927 ..... 93.15
9—Drs. Keyport & Clippert, invoice April 30th, Alden Pagel 80.00
10—Salling Hanson Co., invoice April 30th, 1927 ..... 3.10

Signed,
E. GIEGLING,
G. W. McCULLOUGH,
Committee.

Item No. 9 to be referred to Board of Supervisors for adjustment.

Moved by A. L. Roberts and supported by E. G. Shaw that the report of the finance committee be accepted, and the clerk be instructed to draw orders for the amounts. Yea, and nay vote called. All members present voting yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Thomas Cassidy and supported by E. Giegling that the bill of $98.58 for the board and room of Alden Pagel, at the county infimary, be paid and a bill be presented to the Board of Supervisors for reimbursement. All members present voting yea. Motion carried.

To the President and members of the Common Council: Your committee on finance to whom was referred the matter of the amount necessary to be raised in the several funds for village expenses for the ensuing year respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and investigation and do herewith respectfully recommend that the amounts stated below be authorized to be spread on the taxable property of the village of Grayling for the year 1927; to wit:

General Contingent fund 1¼%
Highway fund ..... ½%
Sewer fund ..... None

In making this recommendation your committee is anticipating that next year it will be necessary for a waterworks and this should permit doing so without undue embarrassment.

EMIL GIEGLING,
GEO. W. McCULLOUGH,
Committee.

Moved by Giegling and supported by McCullough that the report be accepted and adopted. All members present voting yea. Motion carried.

Petition of Nellie Palmer estate for extension of sewer, referred to the committee on sewers for investigation and to report at the next meeting.

The president appointed the following members of the common council to serve on the board of review: A. L. Roberts and George W. McCullough.

A letter from the Salling Hanson Company, regarding the purchasing of their waterworks system was read. After giving it very careful consideration a motion was made by Roberts and supported by Shaw that an offer of five thousand dollars for their entire waterworks system, including all mains, pumps, pump house and pumping equipment, be submitted to them for their approval and subsequent ratification by the qualified voters of the village of Grayling. This offer was made in lieu of their offer of ten thousand dollars for their system. All members present voting yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Roberts and supported by McCullough that the clerk be instructed to draw an order for $25.00 for the Grayling Post No. 106 of the American Legion, for Memorial day expenses. All members present voting yea. Motion carried.

Application of R. W. Chappel for caretaker at the tourist park placed on file for future consideration.

Moved by Giegling and supported by Cassidy that the board adjourn.

ROY O. MILNES,
Village Clerk.

H. PETERSEN,
Village President.

Grayling, Michigan.
May 2, 1927.

Mr. Hans Petersen, Pres.,
Village Council,
Grayling, Michigan.
Dear Sir:

In January of this year the Village Council inquired regarding price on our Water Works system. In reply to said inquiry our Company under date of February 7th, 1927, made you a proposition comprising our entire Water Works system, including pumps and pumphouse at a price of $10,000.00.

The Village Council in letter written February 9th, 1927, acknowledged receipt of our proposal and stated that the matter would receive due consideration at an early date. However, we have not as yet received any reply and we ask therefore that you kindly advise us as soon as possible whether the Council desires to entertain our proposition as made or submit counter proposition. Should you desire to do the latter, please do so before the 11th of this month, at which date our Board of Directors will meet.

Awaiting your reply, we are

Yours very truly,
SALLING HANSON COMPANY.
By R. HANSON.

May 10, 1927.

Salling Hanson Company,
Grayling, Michigan.
Gentlemen:

Your letter, written in January making us a proposition relative to taking over the present Water Works system, was duly received. The matter was held over at that time to give the new incoming Council an opportunity to take it up in its entirety, without any incumbrances having been imposed upon them by the outgoing Council.

The new Council took office the first of April and have been giving the matter careful consideration since then, with the result that, in accordance with resolution duly passed and enrolled upon the minutes of our last regular meeting, held May 2nd, we now offer you, subject

1st: To your acceptance, and

2nd: To the ratification by the enrolled voters of the village,

the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the entire Water Works system as it now stands, including all water mains and pipe lines, hydrants, pumping station and machinery therein, also a sufficient plot of land to permit our continuing the pumping plant where now located and the erection of a tank, if so desired on our part.

In making this offer, we have endeavored to give every consideration not alone to the value of the present system as a going concern, but also to its future usefulness to the village, and in support of same, we submit the following:

In the first place, we have endeavored to map out a program with relation to the future water supply of the village that will prove both practical and comprehensive, one that will, if carried through to its end, provide a permanent system, adequate for the village's need at all times, at the lowest possible cost and without the necessity of a bond issue.

Using the present system as a nucleus, the first step we have in mind is the installation of electrically driven pumps. This, we consider, absolutely necessary and only a matter of practical economy, as if we continue operating the system as at present, with steam driven pumps, using coal for fuel and being obliged to require the services of at least two men, perhaps three, to operate the power plant, the operating expense on that end alone would prove enormous and run so much in excess of the contemplated revenue that the taxpayers would be obliged to shoulder a deficit each year.

Even so, with electrically driven apparatus, the operating expense may run quite high, due to the apparent necessity of operating the pumps continuously. It was at first thought it might be possible to install a tank and thus do away with continuous pumping. However, tests made at various times of the present pumps indicate a flow of anywhere from 400,000 to 600,000 gallons of water per day of twenty-four hours. This is an enormous amount of water for a town the size of Grayling and until this condition is rectified, a tank would be useless, as it could not be filled rapidly enough to keep the flow constant.

Leakage at the taps and unmetered service may account for some of this excessive amount of water being pumped daily, yet it appeals to us there must be other contributing causes, when we take into consideration that 50,000 to 75,000 gallons per day of twenty-four hours is normal consumption for towns of this size.

It must be admitted that we are buying a pig in a poke, so to speak, when we come to the question of the mains. Regardless of what has been said on this subject, no assurance can be given us that the mains are in first class condition, that they will stand up under more than ordinary pressure, or that they will permit extensions to the present system. Rather, the benefit of the doubt is very much ours on these points.

We have outlined to you in the above a few of the real serious questions that are confronting us in connection with the present system. There is still another side to this matter and that is the question of finances.

It is our desire to avoid the question of a bond issue to finance any part of this project. It is our hope that the matter can be worked out over a course of years on a pay as we go plan. However, the law places very decided limits on the amount that can be raised in any one year for this purpose.

Barring an additional assessment of one-half of one per cent that can be levied for a special fund for projects of this kind, we are permitted to levy for waterworks and contingent fund combined not more than one and one-quarter per cent in any one year. You can readily appreciate the position in which this places us. With a decreasing total tax valuation facing us every year, it will require a lot of figuring to make both ends meet.

So in considering this offer, gentlemen, we trust you will give every consideration to the present status of the village, that it is in the transition period from a lumbering town to no one really knows what, that it will have many difficult problems to meet during this period, and that in view of these conditions, this price, in our judgment, is the outside limit the village can afford.

We presume it is your desire, as it is ours, to have this matter definitely settled at an early date and, if after having gone over this communication, you desire any further information, or we can be of any assistance in the matter, we shall be very glad to meet with you at whatever hour and place you may designate.

Very truly yours,
The Common Council of the Village of Grayling,
By President.

Grayling, Michigan.
May 12, 1927.

Mr. Hans Petersen, Pres.,
Village Council,
Grayling, Michigan.
Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 10th inst., in which you offer us $5,000.00, subject to ratification by the enrolled voters of the village, for our entire Water Works system as it now stands, including all water mains and pipe lines, hydrants, pumping station, two pumps and stationary boiler, and also a sufficient plot of land to permit your continuing the pumping plant where now located and the erection of a tank, should you desire to erect such tank. In reply please be advised that at a meeting of our board of directors held yesterday, it was decided to accept your offer. We are anxious to have this matter completed as soon as possible and trust that you will co-operate with us in having the details of the deal arranged at an early date. We remain

Yours very truly,
SALLING HANSON COMPANY,
By O. W. Hanson.

You will see from the letter which is published above that I, by the instruction of the Council, offered $5,000.00. Now here is how we have appraised the system:

The pumphouse, 2 pumps and boilers	$2500.00
New main laid this spring	2500.00
19 hydrants at $50.00	950.00
All the old and new pipes,	nothing
	$5950.00

All for $5,000.00.

We can see our way clear to install a new electric motor and pump all without levying extra tax and replace a street of the old pipes every year, and in a short time we will have a new up-to-date system, all paid out of the revenue and without extra cost to the taxpayers. All we ask now is that you will kindly give us your sanction by voting yes at the special election, which will be called shortly.

Respectfully yours,
H. PETERSEN,
Village President.

YOUNG BRIDE FETED

Complimenting Miss Ellen Knight, a May bride, Mrs. Ambrose McClain very delightfully entertained a company of young ladies at a miscellaneous shower Saturday evening. The affair took place at the bride elect's new home, that is furnished and ready for the young couple.

The rooms throughout the home and the tables were very pretty in Miss Ellen's chosen colors, gold and blue. Five hundred was enjoyed by the guests, after which a delicious two course lunch was served.

The hostess informed the bride to be, that there was a gift for her in every nook and corner of the rooms if she would look for them herself, and a search by her revealed many beautiful and useful gifts, which she graciously accepted.

The Last Day

HOSPITAL DAY DREW BIG CROWD

The weather man doled out fair weather on National Hospital day last week Thursday and two good sized crowds attended the celebration of this national event by Mercy hospital. People came and some were escorted through the hospital and were shown the many pleasant and comfortable rooms with their immaculate beds and furnishings, the modernly equipped operating room, the X-ray room, the dining rooms and kitchen, the beautiful little chapel on the second floor and other features that make up a modern hospital. They were received graciously by the Sisters and nurses.

Two programs of entertainment were given, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, each of which had been arranged by Mrs. C. G. Clippert. The afternoon program was as follows:

Selection—High School Orchestra. (Mrs. B. E. Smith, director.)
Vocal Duet—Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. Frank Tetu.
Dance—Elaine Reagan and Joyce Smith.
Vocal Solo—Marie Schmidt.
Selection—High School Orchestra.
Vocal Duet—Mrs. Clippert and Mrs. Jarmin.
Dance—Jane Keyport.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Frank Tetu.
Ladies Quartette—Mrs. Clippert, Mrs. Milnes, Miss Salling, Mrs. Jarmin.
Selection—High School Orchestra.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cakes were served and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The front veranda of the hospital was bedecked with large American flags and flowers, and was very attractive.

The program of the evening was made up mostly by a band concert by the Gaylord band under direction of Ed. Clark, former leader of our own home band. Interspersed with the band numbers were vocal selections by ladies' and men's quartette, and an address by T. W. Hanson. The program was as follows:

March, Bravura, by Double.
Overture, Panorama, by Barnhouse.
Ladies Quartette—Mrs. Clippert, Mrs. Milnes, Miss Marion Salling, Mrs. Jarmin.
Waltzes, Falling Leaves, by Seredy.
A Little Scotch Comedy, by Barnhouse.
Male Quartette—Messrs. Jarmin, Hughes, Alexander, Mason.
Clarinet Solo, Amitia Polka, by Carry—Earl Merry, soloist.
Fox Trot, Moonbeam Kiss Her for me, by Remmic.
Double Mixed Quartette.
Overture, Under a Circus Tent, by Jarret.
A Talk on Mercy Hospital—Mr. T. W. Hanson.
Baritone Solo, Ave Varrie—Eugene Laney, soloist.
March, Onward Christian Soldiers, by Chambers.
Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. Hanson, in his address, gave a resume of the history of the hospital, and told of the great things it was doing for this community and this part of the state, and how it had been a blessing to hundreds of people of the north at times of illness and distress. The usefulness of Mercy hospital to the people of the north is too well known to need any great elaboration. Established, as it was, by the people through the efforts of our beloved Dr. Stanley N. Insley, it continues to merit their continued support, and to live up to the traditions of its founder. Through his vision of the future of needs of the north and by his ambition, he was able to found here this most useful and humane institution. The foundation he succeeded in so substantially laying has seen a wonderful growth and has kept abreast of modern methods and equipment.

The hospital has had a busy year and has taken care of many, many patients. Some are well able to pay for the service they receive, and they do pay; many cannot pay but their sufferings must be looked after. None are turned away when they need help, whether they have money or not.

The Sisters and nurses, as well as the doctors, are ready to meet every call, even though at times they may have had little rest themselves. The nurses are pledged to help suffering humanity and they are never failing in their duty. The training school for nurses has turned out many nurses, all of whom have made good in their profession and been a credit to themselves and to Mercy hospital, where they received their training and to the local physicians and Sister nurses, who taught them their profession. There is a shortage of student nurses at present and an opportunity for several young ladies to enroll.

After the band concert in the evening the members of the band and many others were served refreshments. Many people offered and wished to contribute financially toward the hospital fund that day, but the Sisters stated that National Hospital day was not intended for raising money and declined to accept gifts that day.

The affair was given under direction of Mercy Hospital Aid society and was exceptionally well carried out. The day was pleasant and the hospital was arrayed in charming manner and the large crowds that gathered there to do it honor were in their happiest moods, and the entertainments given were most interesting, thus making this probably the finest National Hospital celebration ever held in Grayling.

To Have Electric Sign

For some time it has been felt that some kind of sign should be placed at the hospital telling what it is, as hundreds of people passing there have no knowledge of what kind of an institution it is. A plan was hit upon that day to give a dancing party that night at Temple theater, the proceeds to be used toward the purchase of an appropriate electric sign. Nearly $100 were taken in, which will go a long way toward paying for such a sign. It proved to be a jolly party, and a fitting ending to a perfect day.

BIG CROWD SEES SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"THE BRIDE BREEZES IN" MADE BIG HIT

"The Bride Breezes In," presented by members of the Senior class Friday evening of last week in the high school auditorium proved a very pleasing comedy drama and was exceptionally well presented. It was a matrimonial affair from start to finish in which all players get their love affairs straightened out and finally visit the preacher. The play was sparkling with fun and pathos.

The scene of the play was a summer home in Long Island. Earl Gierke, as Sam Cortex, guardian of Fanny Fay, had embezzled the funds of his ward and faced criminal charges that would have sent him to prison. Believing that he could mitigate his offense by so doing, he induced his son Alfred, characterized by Lacey Stephan, to consent to marry the heiress.

Margrethe Hanson, as Fanny Fay, the heiress, visited the Cortex home, bringing with her, Stella Holptree, her maid, which part was taken by Gertrude Laskos. Not wishing to reveal her identity at first, the heiress and maid exchanged names and positions. Upon their arrival at the Cortex home the supposed heiress at once began an ardent flirtation with her intended future husband, much to the embarrassment of the latter and others of the Cortex home. But the father, with prison staring him in the face, quite encouraged his son to marry the irrepressible young lady, quite against the wishes of the latter. Miss Laskos, in her cheery and happy mannerisms quite furnished the comedy of the play, and kept the audience in an uproar most of the time.

After learning that her fortune has been squandered by her guardian, Margrethe Hanson, as Fannie Fay, the real heiress, faced the former and denounced him in no uncertain language. All this time the intended victims of the plot, Fannie and Alfred, each became involved in a love affair which culminated just before the close of the play in marriage. And Stella (Miss Laskos) became smitten on Bob, the handsome chauffeur, a part taken by Norval Stephan, and they too were happy ever after.

Shirley McNeyen, as Goldie Maudel (Peg, a vaudeville star in disguise) was none other than Alfred's old sweetheart whom he was to sacrifice in order to meet the wishes of his father. Heavily veiled, the marriage took place and after the ceremony Goldie revealed her identity, much to the surprise of her husband who believed he was marrying the heiress.

It was a happy little play and the audience was well pleased and the people were quite generous in their praise of the players. Miss Titsworth, principal of the high school and Senior class advisor, is deserving of considerable credit for the success of the play for her able instructions and direction. She and the members of the cast spent several weeks in rehearsal, which meant much personal effort and the sacrifice of much time by each.

The class treasury is enriched by about $80 because of the play. Miss Carrie Feldhauser, class treasurer, when asked what they intended to do with the money replied, that they would have a "skip" day, and if there was anything left it would probably be spent for stage equipment.

Michelson Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

At 10:30 a. m. the minister will bring a message on Joaquin Miller's poem, "Trees."

In the evening he will speak on "The Non-Adventurer," basing his message on Eccl. 11-4.

A Thought for the Week

"A man may give without loving, but a man cannot love without giving."

Gregg Neil, secretary to Sam Cortex, the part taken by Alva Stephan, fell in love with the real heiress and after troublesome love affairs finally ended in a match.

Freddie Burke, a friend of Cortex's son, played by George Schroeder, and Helen Schumann as Lolly Gray, Al's cousin, found the paths of true love full of intricacies and misunderstandings, and Miss Helen with her improvised lisp at times of trouble, made it appear quite real.

Emma Hanson, as Mrs. Neil, Cortex's housekeeper, took her part in an exceptionally fine manner, and she had no matrimonial affair.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1927

Local News

Buy full fashioned, pure silk hose for $1.50 at Olson's.

Ice Cream Lollys, real food value, 5c. The Sweet Shop.

Ladies, I can now show you the new Black heeled Chiffon Hose at the Gift Shop. Redson & Cooley.

Mrs. Floyd McClain and son Jerry left Tuesday for Bay City, where they will be guests of Mrs. P. P. Mahoney for a few days.

Mrs. Beatrice Cameron, who is in training at St. Mary's hospital in Cadillac, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoesli and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Wakeley are the happy parents of a baby girl born May 15th. The little lady's name has not yet been decided on.

The machinery to be used in the finishing touches of the Grayling golf course has arrived, and we are [illegible] use same.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held at the Legion hall next Tuesday evening, May 24th. All members try and be present.

Mrs. Elsie Pettit is taking care of the Blanche Beauty shop during the absence of Mrs. Blanche Hull, who is in Flint taking up a course in permanent waving.

Mrs. Minnie Daugherty has moved into her new quarters at Shoppenagon Inn and is getting nicely settled. The place has been newly decorated and surely makes a good showing.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. McCann are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at Mercy hospital early Tuesday morning. The little Miss will be known as Marguerite Kay.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson, daughters Misses [illegible] and [illegible], and son Marius [illegible] this morning for Big Rapids to attend the graduation exercises of the pharmacy class of Ferris Institute, [illegible] Mrs. Hanson being a member of the class.

[illegible]

If you haven't eaten any Ice Cream Lollies, you are missing a treat. Get them at the Sweet Shop.

Wear the latest Hose—Black Heels are it. Redson & Cooley have them.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Burnham enjoyed a pot luck dinner at the Mrs. Alice Failing farm in Beaver Creek.

Little Joan Montour, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. David Montour, took suddenly ill with convulsions Tuesday and was hurried to Mercy hospital. The little Miss is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith of Bay City, parents of Mrs. Victor Smith, are planning on spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith. While here Mr. Smith will consult Dr. Keyport in regard to his health.

Mrs. Celia Granger and son Howard are enjoying a motor trip through many cities in Michigan, also expecting to visit with the Klingensmith family at Sheffield, Pennsylvania and take in the sights at Niagara Falls while away.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lydick arrived this morning from Dayton, Ohio, to spend the summer at Lake Margrethe at the Richards cottage. Mrs. Richards is expected to come later for her annual sojourn at her summer home.

The George Sorenson automobile, being driven by Mrs. Sorenson, was badly damaged Monday afternoon when George Granger, who was backing away from the curb, backed into her car while she was driving same down main street.

Grayling Post 106 American Legion are making preparations for the observance of Memorial day in Grayling. As yet their plans have not been completed, but the entire program will appear in next week's issue of the Avalanche. Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th.

Miss Salling, music teacher in our schools, is directing another delightful operetta that will be given Friday evening, May 27th in the school auditorium. Those who attended the operetta last year will remember what a splendid success it was. The title of the one to be given on May 27th is "The Love Pirates of Hawaii," and will be presented by the High School Glee club.

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary have extended the time in which to gather clothing for the Mississippi flood sufferers until the end of this week. And so the Legion hall will be open each afternoon from [illegible] o'clock where you may take your bundles, or you may phone No. [illegible] and they will be called for. Anyone having cast off clothing of any kind is asked to please remember the flood sufferers.

The primary department of the Michelson Memorial Sunday school wish to thank all those who helped them in any way on tag day last Saturday, especially the mothers [illegible] only five children sold tags, and therefore the necessary amount for the library was not entirely raised. It was decided to continue the selling of tags on next Saturday [illegible].

[illegible]

MISS ELLEN KNIGHT AND [illegible] WARD [illegible] WED

[illegible]

The bride and groom are among the popular young people of Grayling and have hosts of friends who wish them many years of happy wedded bliss.

Coming Events

Friday, May 20—Physical Education demonstration. School gymnasium.
Friday evening, May 27—Operetta, "The Love Pirates of Hawaii," at High School Auditorium, by Glee Club.
Monday, May 30—Memorial Day. To be observed by Grayling Post 106 American Legion. Further particulars next week.

Commencement Week
Sunday, June 12—Baccalaureate.
Thursday, June 16—Class Day.
Friday, June 17—Commencement.

FREDERIC

James Hartwick of Detroit, an old acquaintance of Mrs. J. J. Higgins, called on her last week while here taking in the good fishing.

Those interested in our church will be pleased to learn that through the efforts of Mrs. Charles Craven, it is now insured again.

John L. Payne and Corydon Forbush now ride in enclosed cars.

Archie Howse Sr. received his Aladdin house last week which he will erect on his new Maple Forest farm.

Our postoffice now boast of a red front.

John Burke, wife and daughter Elsie, accompanied by Mrs. Stannard, drove to Bay City last Saturday.

Mrs. Mabel Quick and children of Detroit are taking their summer vacation in her childhood home here.

Earl Wallace is making fishing a trade here while taking a rest.

E. McCracken and wife drove to Charron last Saturday.

Evangelistic meetings are being held in the church by request.

Miss Carrie White and mother, and Miss Reardon, a teacher here thirty years ago, drove up from Bay City last week to see Mrs. J. J. Higgins.

Dr. Leighton is having some painting done. W. Wheeler is plying the brush.

Mrs. Tice has moved to town where her husband has employment.

Mrs. Will Granger of Grayling is visiting her mother today, Tuesday, and assisting in hanging paper.

Allen Martin and Pete Phalen of Saginaw were callers of Miss Leota Welch Sunday.

Lloyd Welch, who is sailing on the boat, "James Watt," was at Port Gary, Ind., when last heard from.

Found—A fountain pen, by Norman Fisher. Owner prove property and claim. Cadmus.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

SADDLE HORSE FOR SALE—Including saddle. Gentle and a fine rider. Good bargain. Sidney Graham.

WILL DO ELECTRICAL REPAIRing on any electrical appliance whatever, sweepers, irons, etc. Work guaranteed. Phone 1142. George Land. 5-19-1

FOR SALE SEVERAL ARTICLES of household furniture, including a dining room suite, at my home. Mrs. M. Simpson, corner Ottawa and Chestnut streets.

TWO HOUSES FOR RENT—Inquire of O. P. Schumann at Avalanche office.

SMALL HOUSE FOR RENT—Inquire of Julius Nelson. 5-19-tf

WANTED—POSITION DOING general housework. Leave word at Avalanche office.

MAN AND WIFE WISHES POSItion at some clubhouse. Leave word at Avalanche office.

TAKE ORDERS FOR SHOES DIrect from manufacturer to wearer. Experience unnecessary. No investment. [illegible] Shoe Mfg. Co. Dept. [illegible] Chippewa Falls, Wis.

FLOWER BULBS FOR SALE—All kinds and fine quality, cheap. Mrs. [illegible]

CHEVROLET TOURING IN A-1 condition. New paint job and [illegible]

GOOD BALED HAY FOR SALE—At my farm in South Branch township. [illegible] Richardson. [illegible]

FOR SALE—COLUMBUS Wagon. [illegible]

WANTED—GIRL OR WOMAN FOR housework and care of children [illegible] Myers. 5-12-4

FOR RENT—SEMI-MODERN House, corner Elm and Ottawa streets. Inquire of M. A. Bates. 5-12-3

WANTED—Ambitious, Industrious person to introduce and supply the demand for Rawleigh Household products in Crawford county. Make sales of $150 to $400 a month or more. Rawleigh methods get business everywhere. No selling experience required. We supply Products, Sales and Advertising Literature and Service Methods—everything you need. Profits increase every month. Lowest prices; best values; most complete service. W. T. Rawleigh Co., Dept. MC2802, Freeport, Ill.

MICHIGAN ACCREDITED CHICKS from Tancred, Hollywood and Barron strain English type S. C. White Leghorn [illegible] Chicks [illegible] Barred Rocks, White Leghorns and Anconas. Write for prices. Sterling Poultry Farm, Sterling, Michigan. Phone 2. [illegible]

FOR RENT—OFFICE ROOMS with living quarters. Inquire at Avalanche office.

BEEF HIDES, NO. 1, 11 cents per lb. Beef Hides, No. 2, 10 cents per lb. Veal Calf, No. 1, [illegible] cents per lb. Veal Calf, No. 2, [illegible] cents per lb. Horse Hides, No. 1, $4.50 each. Good Mixed Rags, $1.00 per 100 lbs. Auto Radiators, $[illegible] and up each. Batteries, [illegible] cents and up each. Books and Magazines, $1 @ 100 lbs. Good mixed scrap iron, $[illegible] per 100 lbs. All delivered Cheboygan. M. D. Levine, Cheboygan, Mich. 4-28-tf

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent

"A good part of agriculture is to learn how to adapt ones work to nature, to fit the crop scheme to the climate and to the soil and the facilities. To live in right relation with his natural conditions is one of the first lessons that a wise farmer, or any other wise man learns."—L. H. Bailey in "The Holy Earth."

Mr. A. G. Weidemann of the Agricultural College has been here planting root crops on the state demonstration farm. He will return about the last week in May for the purpose of planting corn and potatoes.

Nels Knudsen has built a small barn and had a good drive well put down on his farm in Beaver Creek. He has bought a forty adjoining his original land on the east.

Tony Nelson has been making the pine stumps fly on the Dave Raymond farm which he now owns.

Allen B. Failing is running this Beaver Creek farm this year. He, too, is taking out every stump as he comes to it, in the piece that he limed five years ago. He plans to stump and lime a generous area each year.

An interesting thing about lime occurred on the Failing farm this spring: Al had given the east side of the farm a proper liming five years ago. This spring it was necessary to know whether there is lime enough left in the soil to make it safe to risk alfalfa seed there; so he did just what the county agent has so insistently urged all our farmers—"Test; don't guess."

We tested the soil in 15 to 20 places and found that sufficient lime is apparently left even after five years.

As many will recall, I have been telling right along that a proper liming is good for 8 to 10 years.

Will Treat the Seed

The seed potatoes that we will plant on the state demonstration farm at Grayling this spring will be soaked 30 minutes in the corrosive sublimate solution, as other years, to prevent scab and several other diseases.

We hand-selected the seed last fall at digging time by taking the most ideal potatoes from the highest yielding hills. We have done this each fall.

Both the hand selecting and the soaking are only what every potato grower in the county should do.

On the state farm we have applied 16 tons of agricultural lime and one ton of commercial fertilizer to four acres of good alfalfa sod that we plowed under last fall. We have done this to aid in securing a long lived field.

We shall plant corn there this spring, of the Minnesota No. 13 variety for the purpose of cleaning up the ground by cultivation and hand hoeing. In the spring of 1928 probably half will be sowed to Grimm alfalfa and half to Hardigan alfalfa, both of which will be inoculated, of course.

Homer Annis has begun work on his new house on the home farm in Beaver Creek.

Four Things

With all our plannings and doings, there are four things that none of us farmers should fail to do this spring: (1) Put in at least an acre of fodder corn near the barn to cut green for feed, day by day; (2) to plant a generous acreage of root crops; (3) fence in an acre lot near the barn as a night lot for the cows this summer; (4) sow an acre of rape for hog pasture.

All these are moves towards good farming and are within the reach of any farmer, even the poorest.

It has become quite a popular excuse to say: "Aw yes, Bailey has some good ideas, but they are away beyond us poor folks."

Please Explain

I shall be thankful for information as to why so many insist upon dividing fields into so many small "lands" when plowing.

In the Saginaw valley, the "Thumb," etc., the frequent dead furrows resulting from these "lands" are a help in drainage. We do not need them here. Many say, "What difference does it make anyhow? It all has got to be plowed, anyway."

Yes, but not that way. Every time you cut off a new "land," you make an extra set of corners to turn. It takes time and strength to turn corners. It makes more dead furrows and back furrows to bump over with all tools used in that field.

The first time one of our fields is plowed, a back furrow should be started in the center. The plowing should finish with the whiffle trees just missing the fence on the four sides. The finished field will then have the beautiful appearance of containing just one back furrow and no dead furrows.

When next plowed, the plowman should begin on the outside and plow "round and round," and finish in the center. There will then be one dead furrow and no back furrows.

When finishing a field by this latter method, the plow should be thrown onto its right side and a trip made up and down and up and down again, with the mould board drawing in soil to fill the dead furrow, while the left hand handle is firmly held with the left hand. These two round trips can be made to fill the dead furrow nearly level.

To Give Away

In the agent's office there is a "settee," on which we keep a lot of good things to give away—books, papers, magazines and bulletins. Do you get your share?

Whitewash

This is one of the times of the year when a good coat of whitewash benefits the henhouse, pig pen, calf stable, etc.

The agent's office can and will furnish directions for making good, cheap whitewashs to those who call, write or telephone, asking for the recipe.

Make Sure

It is unwise to send money away for day-old chicks to any place not listed in the list of "Accredited Hatcheries," now in the agent's office, prepared by the poultry department of our agricultural college.

Livestock in Farm Wood Lot Hinder Timber Development

The farm wood lot is more valuable as a producer of wood than as a pasture for livestock, according to C. R. Tillotson, forester of the United States Department of Agriculture. A year's forage production in the average wood lot is estimated to be worth from 25 cents to $1.25 an acre. In the same time a well managed wood lot will add from one-half to 1 cord of wood. In addition there is the convenience of having a supply of cord wood, poles, posts, and lumber near at hand.

Livestock eat and break down the young growth, bend it, strip it of bark, and tramp it out. Also by tramping the soil around the roots of older trees they pack it so tightly that air and water are excluded from the roots, and the trees gradually die. Hogs eat the seeds of oak and beech and thus interfere with the establishment of seedlings. Heavily pastured woods are easily recognized; they are almost entirely devoid of bushy undergrowth, a sod grass has begun to creep in, and the old trees are beginning to die in the tops.

Livestock undoubtedly benefit from the shelter afforded by woods. Two or three acres, however, will ordinarily give them all the shelter they need; the remainder of the woods had better be fenced off to grow a good wood crop.

Health News

(By the County Nurse)

Yes sir! Another baby clinic this week! And speaking of baby clinics makes me think of the little boy who asked his mother if a "book of directions" came with the new baby. The question voiced, with the unconscious wisdom of childhood, a thought that has occurred to many a parent and to many a medical sage.

You know when you get a washing machine at the electrical shop, or a new automobile, or a new stove from the hardware store, you are given a number of pamphlets telling how to use it so that it will work in the best possible fashion and how to repair it if any of its parts slip out of gear. Not so when you get a new baby. Yet no machine could be more delicate than the human body, and still many a woman accepts the responsibility of caring for a baby without getting any professional advice at all.

The doctor, whom we can compare to the expert mechanic, can be called in when the fragile little system gets out of order. Often he can repair it, but there is a substitution of new parts if these become badly damaged. The machine either fails to work and death results, or the little one grows up with his health permanently impaired. The best gift a child can receive from his parents is a sound body and much can be done to insure this by correct care when he is a baby. This is the reason for the baby clinics each month. It provides a check-up, just as you take your car to the garage regularly to be looked over and the necessary small corrections made. Baby must be kept in good running order also.

One hears a great deal about "maternal instinct,"—a term that has been harped upon for generations and extolled as a guide for raising families. It is also used as an excuse for parental crimes against health. "Oh, let the darling have a little coffee, it won't hurt her any," a fond mother will say. Now, you can't blame her for loving the child, but she does deserve blame for running the risk of damaging th child's heart through a developed taste for the drug. As long as mothers give coffee to little children and deliberately expose them to measles, mumps and like diseases to "get them over with," maternal instinct can justly be condemned. If baby could choose for himself in this important issue of ultimate health he would demand that the doctor supply him with a "book of directions."

Booklets dealing with child welfare prepared by child specialist authorities can be had at a minimum cost from two reliable sources—the Children's Bureau of the United States Government and the American Child Health Association. Information regarding prices, none of which exceed fifteen cents, may be had from the writer at any time. Mothers who come to clinics will tell you that I have given them interesting, practical literature from the State Department of Health. Perhaps they will tell you how often I expound my pet phrase, "Better babies mean better children; better children mean better grown-ups," which I apply in regard to mind, spirit and body.

Doris Winchell, R. N., Crawford County Nurse.

Malnutrition—Where?

"Drop your bucket where you are!" That strange sentence was once said to the captain of a schooner becalmed at sea. He did not understand it. The consequence was that he and his crew went on suffering from thirst. They were off the coast of South America. They had been without water for several days. At sight of a passing vessel, they signified their plight. When the message came back "Drop your bucket where you are," the captain feared he had not been understood. He repeated his story. Back came the same command. While he stood bewildered, a member of his crew thought he would follow the extraordinaary advice. Up came the bucket. A man gingerly stooped and drank and found it not salt but fresh water.

The explanation was that right where they were streamed into the sea the mighty Amazon, its current preserving its waters fresh for many miles because of the momentum of the great river.

Such an answer is inevitable if we ask, "Where is malnutrition to be found?" Just drop your "bucket" where you are and you will probably find it. Again, there is bewilderment until you find the very simple explanation. There may be plenty of food at hand and the right kinds accessible as well, but because the principles of nutrition are not understood, the body cannot obtain needed nourishment.

All nonsense, some people think. Look at your own family and at the families around. Does every member feel perfectly fit and well three hundred and sixty-five days out of each year? Aren't there some days when the healthiest feels just a little "off color?"

Remember that the four kinds of food which are to be found in milk, eggs, cheese, meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, whole grain cereals as well as water are necessary to health. Some must be included in the diet every day. To eat just bread and butter potatoes and meat, cakes and pastries, and to drink tea and coffee, eventually mean malnutrition. Remember, also that nutrition does not only mean eating the right foods. The body has to make use of them and so needs also sunshine, fresh air, exercise of one sort or another, adequate sleep, absence of strain and worry if the proper food is to do most for the body.

Drop your "bucket" right where you are and you will almost inevitably find malnutrition.

GRADE CROSSING ESSAY CONTEST

Concerned over the increase that took place in 1926 compared with 1925 in the number of highway grade crossing accident and believing that more care should be exercised by everyone crossing railroad tracks, the American Railway Association announces plans for a nation-wide essay contest among school and college students. Three cash prizes of $250 each will be awarded to the authors of essays containing an outstanding, readily available suggestion for preventing such accidents.

One prize of $250 will be awarded by the American Railway Association for the best essay by a grammar student, a similar prize for the best essay by a high school student and a like amount for the best essay by a college student.

Under the rules prescribed by the American Railway Association, the subject of the essay is to be "Cross Crossings Cautiously," and each essay is to be limited to 250 words.

Constructive Suggestions Required.

The essays must be terse, logical and constructive and must stress the need for greater care in approaching and passing over the railroad crossings.

The essays are to be sent to J. C. Caviston, secretary of the Safety Section of the American Railway Association at 30 Vesey Street, New York City, by not later than June 1. Three persons of national reputation, to be selected later, will act as the judges.

Under the plan, class teachers in both grammar and high schools will select the best essays from their classes and transmit them to their principal, who will then select the best one from that school and send it to the superintendent of schools for the county or an equivalent officer. The county superintendent will then select the best essay written by a grammar student and the best one written by a high school student in his county and will transmit them to the American Railway Association. Colleges may follow the same procedure except that each college or university, through its proper officer, may select one essay and transmit direct to the American Railway Association.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Walmer Jorgenson, a single man, to Celia Granger, dated the 18th day of May A. D. 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of May A. D. 1922 in Liber H of mortgages, on page 349, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, and taxes, the sum of Seventeen hundred forty-nine and 69-100 dollars, and an attorney's fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the 18th day of June A. D. 1927, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Grayling, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Crawford is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with 7 per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit: the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section one, town twenty-five north, range four west, also the northwest quarter; the west half of the northeast quarter; and the east half of the southwest quarter of section thirty-five, town twenty-seven north, range two west.

Celia Granger,
Mortgagee.

Merle F. Nellist,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Grayling, Michigan. 3-24-13

TO ALL HOLDERS OF SECOND LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

All outstanding Second Liberty Loan 4 per cent bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4's) and all outstanding Second Liberty Loan Converted 4¼ per cent bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4¼'s) are called for redemption on November 15, 1927, pursuant to the terms of their issue. Interest on all Second 4's and Second 4¼'s will cease on said redemption date, November 15, 1927.

Holders of Second 4's and Second 4¼'s will be entitled to have the bonds redeemed and paid at par on November 15, 1927. Such holders may, however, in advance of November 15, 1927, be offered the privilege of exchanging all or part of their bonds for other interest-bearing obligations of the United States. Holders who desire to avail themselves of the exchange privilege, if and when announced, should request their bank or trust company to notify them when information regarding the exchange offering is received.

Further information may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch, or from the Commissioner of the Public Debt, Treasury Department, Washington.

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, May 9, 1927.

WILL YOU MAKE A FLYER?

By Erwin Greer
President Greer College; Chicago, Ill.

How many persons of one's acquaintance could become competent airplane pilots? The average individual may learn to drive a motor car in a tolerable manner; but would even five per cent of the population, aided by the best tuition, learn to controll the flight of an airplane at the present time?

The air is such an unstable medium that flying can scarcely be a popular art for many decades. An intending flyer must possess the bird-man's physique and temperament; he needs alertness and resourcefulness of mind.

Delicacy of touch, which gives the pilot complete mastery of his airplane and conveys the "feel" of the machine to his brain in time to correct a side-slip or a "stall," is the gift of nature alone. So are eyes that can judge speed and distance with unerring accuracy. By the latter qualifications the novice learns both to "take off" his machine and to make a safe landing.

Navigation is a science. Before a cross-country flight the pilot ascertains the velocity of the wind. He then calculates its approximate strength at the height which he has chosen for his flight, say 2,000 feet. The velocity at this height is just about double the velocity of the wind on the ground. It also blows in a slightly different direction and the pilot must allow for this "veering angle." He then obtains the mean compass bearing to his objective after adding or deducting the angle which represents the force of the wind.

Clouds envelope an airplane in a steamy fog. They should be dodged when possible, because the pilot cannot trust his sense of balance—the "bumbs" upset that. He depends upon the indicating instruments alone. Hail or rain is very unpleasant and may damage the propeller. When the sun is low on the frontal horizon the pilot finds it very hard to see.

Year by year difficulties are surmounted. Perhap designers will revolve a machine which has the self-righting properties of a life-boat. Safety at slow speeds must be obtained and the controls must be simplified before the man in the street can expect to fly.

A motorist may commit many glaring mistakes during his apprenticeship but the learner in an airplane knows that his first slight error may be his last.

But it won't be long before airplanes will be as common as automobiles.

predicts cheaper apple pie because of the supply of fruit, but we seriously doubt whether we will ever get back to the good old days when you got a one-fourth cut for a nickel.

Foot experts say that President Coolidge has a fine pair of pedal extremities. Well, we never thought he acted like a fellow whose feet hurt him.

European financiers are now proposing a European union of some sort to oppose us in world trade. Of course they wouldn't frame up on us if we were in the League of Nations and had any ideas of our own.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deed issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land:
State of Michigan,
County of Crawford,

Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, Section 20, Town 28N, Range 3W. Amount paid: $22.82, tax for 1922; $9.76, tax for 1923; $8.36, tax for 1924; $8.28, tax for 1925; $6.00, tax for 1926.

West half of the Northeast quarter, Section 20, Town 28N, Range 3W. Amount paid: $18.55, tax for 1922; $19.52, tax for 1923; $16.72, tax for 1924; $16.57, tax for 1925; $12.03, tax for 1926.

Amount necessary to redeem, $287.22, plus the fees of the sheriff.

John Bruun, Place of business, Grayling, Mich.

To John A. Smith, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Mary Staib, assignee of record of all undischarged recorded mortgages.

5-12-4

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Board of Review of the Village of Grayling will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, 1927, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. on each of said days, to review the Tax Roll.

James W. Sorenson
ASSESSOR

It is announced that 14,000 American apartments are to be built in Berlin, and a low rental guaranteed. If a low rent is guaranteed they won't be anything like American apartments.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Walmer Jorgenson, a bachelor, to Frank P. Jorgenson, dated the 5th day of January A. D. 1924, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Crawford and state of Michigan, on the 11th day of January A. D. 1924 in Liber H of mortgages, on page 563, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, and taxes, the sum of six hundred sixty-seven and 41-100 dollars, and an attorney's fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the 25th day of June A. D. 1927, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Grayling, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Crawford is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid on said mortgage, with 7 per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit: Lot eleven of block twenty-one of the original plat of the village of Grayling, Crawford county, Michigan.

FRANK P. JORGENSON,
Mortgagee.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Grayling, Michigan. 3-31-13

ORDER RESCINDING ORDER ISSUED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925, AND MODIFYING ORDER ISSUED ON THE 11th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, REGULATING THE TAKING OF BROOK TROUT FROM THE WATERS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH BRANCHES OF THE AUSABLE RIVER, THE PERE MARQUETTE RIVER AND THE PINE RIVER FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM THE 1st DAY OF MAY, 1926.

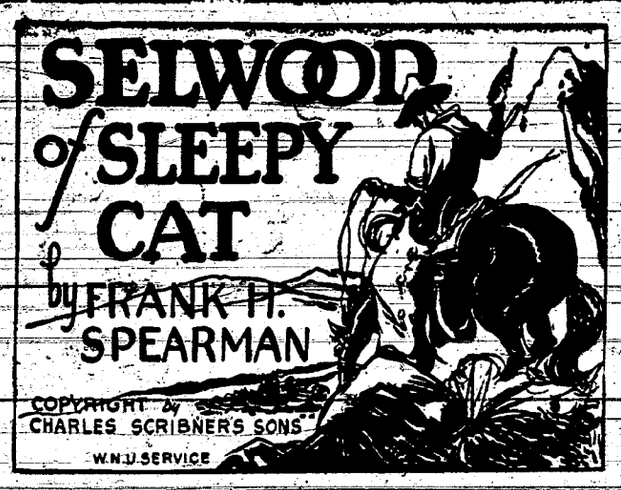
Orders were issued by the Conservation Commission on the 21st day of September, 1925, and the 11th day of March, 1926, making it unlawful to take or attempt to take brook trout in any manner except by the use of an artificial fly from the waters of the South Branch of the AuSable river in the counties of Crawford and Roscommon, the North Branch of the AuSable River in the counties of Crawford and Otsego, the Pere Marquette River in the counties of Lake and Newaygo, and the Pine River in the counties of Oceola, Lake and Manistee, and prescribing the legal length of brook trout and the number of these fish to be taken in one day.

It now appears, after a thorough investigation by the Director of Conservation, that the order issued on the 21st day of September, 1925, should be rescinded and the order issued on the 11th day of March, 1926, should be modified.

Therefore, the order issued on the 21st day of September, 1925, regulating the taking of brook trout in the rivers named and the provision of the order issued on the 11th day of March, 1926, restricting the taking of brook trout to the use of an artificial fly in certain rivers named are hereby rescinded. That part of the order issued on the 11th day of March, 1926, prescribing the length of brook trout which may be taken as eight inches shall be and remain in full force and effect for the period of time therein mentioned.

Dated, Lansing, Michigan, May 4, 1927.

L. J. YOUNG, Director,
Department of Conservation.
Conservation Commission by:
HOWARD B. BLOOMER,
Chairman.
GEORGE R. HOGARTH,
Secretary. 5-19-3



THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—At Sleepy Cat Doctor Carpy tells Wentworth, freighting boss, of a shooting scrape in Bartoe's gambling den, in which John Selwood, gambler, in defense of his wounded partner, Dave Tracy, shows remarkable skill and nerve.

CHAPTER II.—A year afterward, Selwood, now Wentworth's representative at Sleepy Cat, driving his buckboard, comes upon a settler whose wagon has mired in a creek. He helps get the outfit clear, after picking up a girl's shoe and seeing it has been attracted by the supposed owner thereof in Fyler's (the settler's) wagon. Moses McCracken, a youth, is refused of his mother tells McAlpin, Selwood's barn mate.

CHAPTER III.—McAlpin, himself powerless, informs Selwood of the robbery, and Selwood forces the swindlers, Bartoe and Atkins, to return the money.

CHAPTER IV.—Starbuck, head of the crooked gamblers, remonstrates with Selwood and is sharply rebuffed. Fyler opens a dry goods store, with "Big Haynes" running a mock auction of worthless goods in the place. Bill Pardaloe, young McCracken's uncle, is engaged by Selwood as a freighter. Doc Carpy, roughly handled by Bartoe, his wounds, is looked after by Margaret Hyde, woman of mystery, housekeeper at Doctor Carpy's hotel. Selwood learns the girl whose shoe he picked up is Christie, Fyler's daughter.

CHAPTER V.—Selwood makes Christie's acquaintance and warns Fyler that Atkins is a crook. The storekeeper refuses to believe it. Starbuck, attracted by Christie, tries to ingratiate himself with Christie. The girl's mind is poisoned against Selwood.

CHAPTER VI.—Fyler is beaten and robbed. Christie, seeking Doctor Carpy, meets Selwood and informs him that Atkins has thrown her father out of his store, claiming to own it. Fyler is not badly hurt. His father has lost money gambling, and Christie, to his dismay, tells Selwood she hates all gamblers. Selwood advertises for information of an old missionary padre, whose picture he displays. With Pardaloe and Bob Scott, Indian in Selwood's employ, the latter makes preparations to dislodge Atkins from Fyler's store.

CHAPTER VII.—Christie warns Selwood of threats made by Starbuck, also that he had asked her to marry him. Selwood raises. With his two companions, Selwood drives Atkins and Haynes, from Fyler's store.

CHAPTER VIII.—Starbuck tells Christie Selwood is a gambler, and on her questioning him he admits it, but declares he is "square," while Starbuck and his crowd are thieves. The girl is not satisfied with his explanation.

CHAPTER IX.—Following a poker game with General Roper Selwood discloses the fact that the old soldier is his grandfather. Selwood declares Roper, then fort commandant, before Selwood's birth, sent his son, Lieut. Harry Roper, Selwood's father, to death at the hands of Indians, and refused to acknowledge a marriage had taken place, disowning his boy's children.

CHAPTER X.—Carpy warns Selwood the Vigilantes intend to clean up the town. Selwood, known as a square gambler, is not menaced, but the Vigilantes are after Starbuck and his gang of crooks. Selwood refuses to take part in the clean up. Fearing for Tracy's safety in the coming mixup, he tries in vain to induce the fiery old veteran to seek safety.

CHAPTER XI.—Selwood drugs Tracy and, with Pardaloe and Scott, gets him across the river to safety. Returning alone, he finds the Vigilantes at work and Christie missing. Acting on a resolution he had made to quit the career of a gambler, Selwood deliberately burns his place of business and returns to Tracy.

CHAPTER XII.—McAlpin comes to Selwood with news that the Vigilantes had been routed by Starbuck's crowd and Doctor Carpy is wounded. Fearing for Christie's safety, Selwood, with his party, returns to Sleepy Cat. He is unable to find Christie, but rallies his teamsters for a fight with the crooks.

CHAPTER XIII.—Selwood makes his way by stealth into Bartoe's den without being detected. Favored by the excitement in the headquarters of the outlaws he succeeds in "covering" Harry Barbanet, prominent among the crooks, and making him lead the way to a room where he believes Christie and other prisoners are confined.

The mule boss took him under the armpits, that Selwood's hands might be free, lifted him, and the next moment Selwood, watching the nearest men closely, stood inside the room with his feet on the floor. Pardaloe quickly replaced the curtain.

It was the work of the next moment for Selwood to reel to and sink into an empty chair opposite the sleepy man, and, peering from under his cap, to study the scene.

The interior of the place of notorious repute even among ease-hardened men, was not wholly unfamiliar to Selwood, nor had it changed much in the long interval since he had seen it. Neither Bunty nor Atkins was in sight, and Selwood's nervous glance searched the room vainly for a sight of the one man he had taken a desperate chance to see—Starbuck. Men came at intervals out of the back room, but each one closed the door most carefully behind him. It was there, Selwood soon found reason to believe, that the lenders were closeted.

To attempt the inner room meant, he knew, a showdown. Whatever eyes might be fooled in the front room, those in the back room would not be long in discovering his identity. But with a fatality either temperamental or due to his chance-taking career, Selwood made ready to penetrate the second room in a search for Starbuck.

He pushed guardedly at the head of the man opposite him and found after a little fussing that he was fast asleep. The man wore about his neck a bandanna kerchief, and this, Selwood, keeping his eyes well on those about him, gradually disengaged with one hand—twisting it around to where he could loose the knot and draw it from the man's neck. His victim having taken this liberty good-naturedly, Selwood doffed McAlpin's queer-looking cap at a moment that no eyes were turned his way, and after another moment tried on the sleeping man's hat. It fitted well enough, and he did not take it off; but procedingly slowly, keeping a clear eye on the men nearest, and handling his right forearm as if wounded, Selwood slipped one arm and then the other out of the coat he wore, and laid the purloined neckerchief over the right forearm.

Drawing his revolver from the scabbard in which he had replaced it when sitting down, Selwood, with the grip of the gun in his right hand, wrapped the kerchief loosely over hand and gun together. When arranged to his liking, he drew his small hunting-knife, and gradually slit the bandage on the lower side from end to end, so that it lay hiding his revolver, but ready to jerk off with his free hand. Putting away the knife, he rose and, facing the room, reached with his left hand up behind him and jerked down the window curtain. Sitting down again, he made a rude sling of the curtain, hung it from his neck under his right wrist, and with his left hand slipped his coat back again over his shoulders. Sitting as quite at ease, he took a leaf of cigarette paper from a waistcoat pocket, laid it on the table, fished a tiny bag of tobacco from a coat pocket, opened it between his teeth and his left hand, taking advantage of that proceeding to take an extra good look at the men in front of him, rolled his cigarette awkwardly on the table before him, pushed it between his lips, and rose to his feet. He drew his hat brim evenly down, so it was neither high nor low, but exactly shaded his eyes where he stood, and with the cigarette hanging from his lip, moved toward a noisy group of men and asked the nearest one for a match.

Passing this inspection proved easy. He moved from one to another of the talking groups—some of the men were examining revolvers, others stowing cartridges into various pockets, others adjusting ammunition belts—trading tobacco, boasting, and telling stories; but while Selwood recognized more than one of them either as Calabasas worthies or River quarter "rats," none of them uncovered him.

His apprehension thus fairly well allayed, he made his way in easy measure toward the rear end of the room, where the crowd was thicker. He had approached within a dozen feet of the back room door and was thinking of just how he should make an entrance, when it was suddenly opened, and out walked Harry Barbanet, followed by the redoubtable Bull Page, whose eyes showed mild stimulation.

The moment was delicate. To turn quickly away would only be, he well knew, to excite suspicion and even invite particular inspection; the utmost Selwood could do was to interrupt a conversation near at hand and ask whether the doctor had come.

Had Bull, the derelict, sold him out—disclosed Selwood's presence and told what he knew of his intentions? The gambler did not believe it. Men on the Rocky mountain frontier staked their lives at times on what would seem very slender chances. But drunkard though Bull was, outcast among outcasts, Selwood would have risked his life that Bull, drunk or sober, would not betray him. The question that rankled in his mind was: Had Barbanet in that brief, piercing glance discovered him? Was it imagination that was already tricking him into thinking so? He could not be sure. But some instinct told him he had been detected and must measure accordingly. The next moment Barbanet, now following Page, passed Selwood without noticing him—and so close on his left that he brushed him with an impatient shoulder.

It needed only an instant for Selwood to reason that this was precisely the way he himself should have acted if positions were reversed; and he knew Barbanet's astuteness too well to believe he would act, in the circumstances, any differently.

Without hesitation Selwood, taking advantage of Barbanet's broad shoulder, turned promptly to the left, and, falling into step, walked on directly behind the two—third and last man in a procession heading straight for the lower end of the bar.

It seemed strange to find himself heading so briskly in such company and at such a businesslike gait for a corner of the room that he had so good reason to remember. The old archway had been boarded up, and a batten door had been set roughly into it to lead into the barber shop; it was for this door that Barbanet was heading.

Nothing could have suited Selwood better. But just before reaching the door, Barbanet, caught Page's arm, told him to stop, and attempted to turn in behind the bar. At this juncture Selwood in turn caught Barbanet's arm and stopped him.

"Don't bother, Harry; you won't need that gun. Face about—keep straight ahead."

Barbanet felt the quick and unpleasant sensation of a revolver muzzle held to the small of his back. A hand, with fingers like steel slipped down his forearm and over his left wrist. Without trying to turn his body, he looked back over his shoulder, surprised, but making no pretense of not knowing who spoke.

"First time I've seen you tonight, John," he remarked, quite undisturbed by this situation.

"No," retorted Selwood in like tones, "this is the second time, Harry."

"I noticed you had a long arm on when I passed you," responded Barbanet, less amiably.

"Not for my friends, Harry—there's a good many strangers in town tonight. Open the barber-shop door, Harry—do it quick."

"There's two men behind it with shotguns."

"They're friendly—you're walking right in there ahead of me. Go on! The way we stand now, there's not a man in this room that could tell whose gun went off if you got hurt, Harry. Open that door."

No frontier crook in his senses would choose certain death before a fighting chance. Barbanet knew perfectly well the alternative. Selwood might not himself escape, but his fate would no longer interest Harry. With ill grace, but without imprudent delay, Barbanet advanced to the door, his left wrist gripped in Selwood's left hand.

"Key's in my left-hand pants pocket. Let loose my wrist.

"What's a right-hand man doing with a key in his left-hand pocket?" asked Selwood. "Page," he added, pulling Barbanet's arm back, "take the key out of Barbanet's right pants pocket and unlock that door, quick."

"Page," interjected Barbanet, jerking the words out viciously, "you'd better keep out of this."

Bull Page grinned brokenly. Perhaps the remembrance of old abuse at Barbanet's hands—the times he had come thirsty and broke, and gone from Barbanet's bar thirsty and broke, decided him. At all events, after a rapid search, Bull found the key in Barbanet's right-hand trousers pocket, unlocked the door, pushed it open, and Barbanet, followed by Selwood and Bull, passed through into the barber-shop.

CHAPTER XIV

Selwood Finds Christie.

The barber-shop was dark. "What are you looking for," asked Barbanet, lazily sarcastic, "soap or towels?"

"Two men with shotguns," retorted Selwood, while Page fished a match from his pocket and lighted a lamp. "It may be they're in the back room; push ahead; open that door in front of you."

"Another man's got the key to that door," asserted Barbanet, surly now. "You'll have to talk to Starbuck about that."

Selwood, without raising his tone, tried out a double-edged bluff—one that would work either way. "Bull!" he said. "Go back to Starbuck. Tell him Barbanet wants the key to the barber-shop back room. He may give you an evasive answer. If he does, tell him Barbanet is in trouble in the barber-shop and says to give you the key or come a-running if he wants to save what's in the back room.

"If he follows you back, Bull," continued Selwood carelessly, "come as far as the door with him. Keep out of the shop here till the smoke settles."

Bull nodded. "I understand."

"If you know what's good for your hide, Bull," interposed Barbanet, "don't take any talk like that to Cliff Starbuck. Don't play traitor to Starbuck. He'll kill you—or I will."

"Why, Harry," said Bull Page, asserting what manhood Barbanet's whisky had left him—and though his deep, throaty voice shook, there was no hesitation, no fear in his utterance—"what do you think you're talking about? Do you think I'm afraid of you—or your kind? What have you ever done for me but fill me with poison when I come to town with money from the mines, you snake!" exclaimed Bull, gathering force with his invective. "Where did I go for a grub-stake when I was hungry? To John Selwood."

"Oh, shut up, Bull," blurted out Selwood. "Get out! And get back here quick with that key or with Starbuck."

"I'm flyin' right now, John. Do you know what this rat asked me to do a few minutes ago? To knock old man Fyler on the head and throw him in the river—that's all."

With this parting shot, Bull was opening the door through which they had come in. Barbanet saw the jig was up. "Hold on," he said, bitterly sulky, "call off your rabbit. That key will unlock either door."

Bull lost no time in starting for the inner door. "Stop a minute, Bull," interposed Selwood; "take those aprons on that chair to tie this fellow up with before you open the door. Get 'em? Now put out lights and unlock."

Page threw the back door open. Light streamed into the barber-shop from a lamp set on an up-ended barrel in the apparently empty room. Silence greeted the opening. Selwood pushed his sullen prisoner forward across the threshold. A suppressed cry acknowledged the sight of him. "Harry Barbanet!" exclaimed an unsteady voice. "What do you mean by keeping us locked here all this time? You promised we should be free in a few minutes. When are we to get out?"

Margaret Hyde stood to the left of the doorway, and clinging with clasped hands to Margaret's arm, hatless and shrinking under a cape, her eyes filled with fear, Selwood saw Christie Fyler.

Christie's startled glance fell on him. Of all men, she would have wished to identify Selwood last, despite what had passed between them, with these detestable surroundings in which she was held prisoner. To see him suddenly in this forbidding place in company with the ruthless tool of the man she had now so much reason to fear, was like rudely stripping her of what faith she had left in men. It was hardly a moment before the situation cleared, but for Christie it was a painful moment.

Barbanet halted before Margaret's question. He nodded coolly back over his shoulder. "I ain't bossing this procession." He spoke with a contemptuous spite. "This man with the gun is running things—for a few minutes—talk to him."

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Who remembers the good old days when a candidate had to be born in a log cabin to get any place?

Michigan Happenings

A steam roller of farmer votes in the legislature flattened out opposition of Wayne, Saginaw and a few other delegates to a huge increase in urban taxes. An increase in assessed valuation of $500,000,000 will be Wayne's share alone. Wayne is now paying 47 per cent of the state taxes. The bill to turn the trick in the guise of a re-organization of the state tax department and probable ouster from office, of George Lord, active member of the tilt of state tax commissioners, was passed by the house 63 to 30.

Erection of a monument to Father Marquette, Jesuit priest and early American explorer, on the spot where the missionary was buried near the present city of Ludington, is under contemplation by the Marquette University of Milwaukee. History records that Father Marquette was buried near Ludington in the winter of 1675 and that the following spring a band of Indians who had been converted to Christianity reverently exhumed the body and removed it to a spot near St. Ignace.

The Michigan State Prison at Jackson was endangered recently by fire which destroyed a warehouse of the Michigan Seating Co. across the Michigan Central Railroad tracks from the main plant of the prison. The prison fire department managed to save all of the prison property except a guard post on the walls which was destroyed. The prison oil storage tanks were close to the fire but were saved. There was no disorder in the prison during the fire.

An interstate bridge from Menominee to Marinette, Wis., is proposed in a bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Herbert J. Rushton, of Escanaba. The state highway commissioner is given authority to confer with the Wisconsin highway commissioner relative to plans of construction, purchase of land and other details of construction. The span would approximate three-quarters of a mile. The expense of construction would be divided between the two states.

Because he declares that a 26-foot dam built in the Huron river near Milford, has reduced the effective head of water at his generating plant, in Milford, Frank S. Hubbell has begun suit in circuit court. He asks an injuction to prevent the use of the dam, which was designed to flood 500 acres of land thus creating one of the largest lakes in Oakland county. Hubbell has held riparian rights along the river for some time.

The Michigan public utilities commission has granted the Michigan Associated Telephone company an amalgamation of the Blissfield, Reading and Tecumseh Companies, authority to issue capital stock of $50,000 and first mortgage gold bonds to the amount of $100,000. The purchase price of the three small independent companies is set forth as amounting to $123,000. The new telephone company is incorporated in Deleware.

At a meeting of St. Clair County bankers at Port Huron, a federation was formed to combat bandits. It is proposed to have 56 men selected as vigilantes. They will be sworn in as deputy sheriffs and will be equipped with arms furnished by the bankers. By a system of signals the vigilantes will be notified immediately of a bank holdup and are expected to take up the chase and endeavor to kill or capture the bandits.

William Brieschke, 50 years old, a carpenter of Blissfield, was burned to death when his automobile caught fire after it had turned over, pinning him beneath it. The tragedy occurred on the Adrian-Toledo road, 15 miles east of Adrian. Mr. Brieschke was dead when reached by a passing motorist.

Slipping and falling into 30 inches of water in a marsh where he had set his traps for muskrat, Lyle Brodie, of Leroy, 14-year-old son of Clayton Brodie, was drowned. The body was found by a searching party formed by his father when the boy failed to return home.

Standing barefooted in the snow, during the early morning hours, Joseph Smith, some merchant, covered three youthful bandits with a gun until an officer arrived. Smith had been awakened when the boys broke the lock from a gasoline pump to steal motor fuel.

Oil rights have been leased by a Detroit syndicate on a number of farms on the Mt. Morris road east and west of Rogersville, eight miles northeast of Flint. Drilling operations are expected to start in about 60 days.

Bitten by a moccasin water snake while hunting in a cypress swamp near Englewood, Fla., James Oliver Curwood, author and sportsman, arrived at his home in Owosso recently from the south and is under a doctor's care.

Fireworks dealers gathered in force at Lansing recently to protest against the bill abolishing their stock in trade. The bill repeals the Burney Brower act of two years ago and bans the sale of all fireworks in Michigan. Officials of fire departments favor the bill.

Cleveland police were called out to quell a riot the other day when two women fell to fighting over a bargain hat in a downtown department store. Probably nothing to the scrap the average woman will put up to make friend husband come through with enough change for a new lid.

Prohibition agents raided a wealthy lawyer's estate in the East and found $50,000 worth of liquor. The tip was given by a discharged butler. The moral of this is—don't tell your butler everything.

An American magazine containing a brief article about Kerensky has been excluded from Russia. Evidently the Reds are only in favor of freedom of the press when they are putting it over on the other fellow.

A correspondent to the New York World wants to know what is wrong with our schools. Maybe too many of the professors are busy trying to find a way to wipe out the European debt.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land:

State of Michigan,

County of Crawford.

The North half of the North half of Southeast quarter, Section 26, Town 28N., Range 4W. Amount paid: $13.56, tax for 1921; $7.99, tax for 1923; $12.18, tax for 1924; $14.23, tax for 1925.

Amount necessary to redeem, $100.-92, plus the fees of the Sheriff.

W. Clarence Smith. Place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

To James A. Kalahar, his heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

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Description of Land:

State of Michigan,

County of Crawford.

West one-half of west one-half of southwest quarter, Section 27, Town 28 North, Range 2 West. Amount paid, $6.94, tax for 1919.

Amount necessary to redeem, $18.-88, plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Orlando F. Barnes, Porter Apartments. Place of business, Lansing, Michigan.

To S. G. Roloson, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,)
) ss.
County of Crawford)

I do hereby certify and return, that the within notice was delivered to me for service on the 19th day of March, 1927, and that after careful inquiry which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post-office address of S. G. Roloson, the person appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county, to be the last grantee in the regular chain of title to the within described lands at the said date of the said delivery of such notice to me for service [illegible] grantee or [illegible] office address of [illegible] ministrator, [illegible] such grantee.

Dated May [illegible]

Mr [illegible]

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